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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF  
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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §  
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Examiner  
**Jennifer C. McNeil**

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**1775**

Confirmation No.  
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Invention Title  
**ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE  
METAL STRIP AND PLUG  
CONNECTOR MADE THEREFROM**

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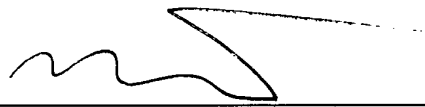
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action dated June 12, 2003 finally rejecting claims 3-8 and 11-17.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of **\$330.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Applicants respectfully request a **three-month** extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed June 12 2003, for which a three month response period expiring on September 12, 2003 was set. The three-month extended period expires on December 12, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the **three-month extension fee of \$950.00**, and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

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